

Letters to the Editor

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No one should be vandalizing school

Editor:

Rivalry or not, Carson High students should not be vandalizing Douglas High property and vice versa. I am sure it is all done in "good fun," but these kids need to realize that their malicious acts require school resources, including manpower and limited funds, to be funneled into crime prevention rather than where it should be spent. Douglas High School has been given a state-of-the-art resource from Big George Ventures, so perhaps some of the burden of responsibility in protecting it should come from the parents who need to teach their children that defacing property is not an option.

Vicky Galloway

Minden

Letter shows where responsibility lies

Editor:

Thank you for publishing the letter from David Liebowitz, the father of the convicted teenage drug dealer. It is clearly apparent from the letter what the source of the problem in this sad case is - the parents.

Where were the parents when the Elliot was the neighborhood problem at 7? ("That's just how young boys are").

Where were the parents when Elliot started using at 12? ("That's just a kid experimenting").

Where were the parents when Elliot was an addict at 14? (Just a teenager doing what teenagers do").

Where were the parents when Elliot was tossed from rehab for using drugs? ("That's just overzealous counselors picking on our son").

Where were the parents when Elliot was having a party at their house while on probation? (That's just our complaining neighbor; he has been a problem since we moved here from California").

Where were the parents when Elliot chose to sell a substantial amount of a cocaine to undercover officers? (That's just the Sherriff and the DA entrapping our son to further their careers").

Clearly justice has been served in this case. It is too bad that in this country we do not have the concept of shadow sentencing that would have enabled the judge to sentence the parents to prison as well. It is with the parents that a substantial portion of responsibility rests.

William Rubin

Minden

Not qualified

to live here

Editor:

Mr. Goldy in the Aug. 24 edition of The Record-Courier certainly showed himself to be unqualified to live in this area as he's obviously incapable of adapting to rural life.

Like the city people who move here and plant lawns in the desert and complain when the wild horses eat their grass or the people who shoot coyotes for sport.

Some people are just not meant to live outside their urban jungles. Mr. Goldy throws rocks at Ann Bryant for being compassionate and criticizes Carl Lackey for attempting to educate we supposedly superior humans.

Maybe Mr. Goldy would prefer to live amongst his "top of the food chain" murderers, robbers, rapists and road ragers.

Judy Lane

Gardnerville

We need to adapt to each other

Editor:

In response to Marshall Goldy's letter:

Mr. Goldy,

Hello, my name is Jasmyn. I am a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Carson Valley Middle School. I strongly disagree with your letter called "Bears need to adapt to us." You are incorrect, bears do not need to adapt to us, we need to adapt to each other. Think about it. If a human got into a fight with a bear, without any weapons at all, who would win? We are not the stronger animal. The bear would definitely win. Yes, we are the reason for being attacked and for bears vandalizing our property. If we stop cutting down their homes and stop taking their food, this would not happen, now would it?

Bears eat anything they get their hands on, in fact they would rather eat berries, but when their food supply is ruined by careless humans, the bears have no other choice but to look for food in other places.

I agree with Ms. Bryant looking for any other way to save your family from being hurt without killing the bears. Your statements are simply foolish. We live in their habitat. We all live on this Earth together and we need to find a way to co-exist. The bears are not invading human habitat, they are simply looking for food. Maybe if people would stop causing fires, the bears would stay in their homes. All animals are entitled to their homes. May this be a lesson learned Mr. Goldy.

Jasmyn Peterson

Gardnerville

Douglas a generous community

Editor:

Many thanks to the Douglas County community which has, during the past month, made me feel so incredibly welcome in my new role as executive director for the Family Support Council. I especially thank each of you who have taken the time to call, write, attend our recent open house, or visit in person. I have been truly blessed by the generous spirit of this community.

And that was also my point during my recent interview with the Record-Courier, though my thoughts did not come out as clearly in the article published on Aug. 24 as I might have hoped. It was not my objective to minimize the plight of those facing homelessness in Douglas County. My intent was simply to say that Douglas County residents have the tremendous will and determination to tackle, and solve, challenges as great as homelessness and have made great efforts in that area. I am pleased to be part of such a dedicated community working to end family violence.

Kristie M. Traver

Executive Director

Family Support Council of Douglas County

Ritchie sentence

a travesty of justice

Editor:

And so we see the second round of "class privilege" with Nichole Ritchie and her jail time.

She gets arrested for her second driving under the influence in three years and this time she was driving the wrong way on the freeway. She tells the officer that she had smoked marijuana, had taken Vicodin and was parked in the car pool lane. For this she spends a total of 87 minutes in jail. Now call me paranoid, but what average person could possibly receive 87 minutes in jail for driving under the influence, going the wrong way on the freeway and parking on the freeway? I can only say thank God that no one was killed, otherwise she may have had to spend two or three days in jail. How long will the people stand by and allow the judicial system to punish wrongdoing with two sets of rules?

Chris Weatherbee

Gardnerville

Thanks for support in Pine Nut fire

Editor:

The members of the Pine Nut Creek chapter of the Nevada Fire Safe Council would like to thank all members of the fire departments responding to the Pine Nut 2 wildfire that occurred on Aug. 17 in the Pine Nut Mountains east of Gardnerville.

We are fortunate the skills of the fire departments were able to stop the fire it spread to additional piñon juniper woodland as well as five nearby homes. The air support for the fire was integral to the success. Several spotter planes as well as two borate bombers and the NDF helicopter were able to slow the fire, allowing the fire fighters on the ground to contain the fire. We would like to once again extend our wholehearted thanks to Sierra Spirit Ranch for generously allowing the NDF helicopter to dip water from nearby ranch ponds. Without these ponds and the cooperation of the ranch owner, the entire community as well as the Pine Nut Mountain range would be in much greater peril.

We would also like to commend the efforts of the Nevada Fire Safe Council who provided a grant to the Pine Nut Chapter in 2005 to thin the fuels in the area. The defensible space and thinning of the piñon juniper forest was a big factor in allowing firefighters to effectively do their job. Nevada residents living in rural areas would be well advised to join Nevada Fire Safe Council Chapters to help protect their homes and property.

Please join us in extending a huge thank you for a job well done to the following fire fighting agencies:

East Fork Fire Protection District, Fish Springs Volunteers, Ruhstroth Volunteers, Sheridan Volunteers, Gardnerville Volunteers, Gardnerville Ranchos Volunteers, Nevada Department of Forestry, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

Chairwoman Terri K. Clark

Assistant Chairwoman Barbara Gibbons

Pine Nut Creek Fire Safe Council

Austin's House

a good example

Editor:

Four years ago, we first brought the message to this community that there are innocent children here who are no longer able to safely remain in their homes. Due to a lack of local resources, the children had to leave not only their homes but their schools and all that is familiar to them for placement in neighboring counties. You heard that message and thanks to your generosity, Austin's House is now a reality.

We believe this facility will serve as an example for other counties of what individuals can accomplish who are united by a concern for the welfare of abused children and a belief that children are indeed our future. Thank you for your trust and support and, in return, you have our commitment that we at Austin's House will provide the safe and nurturing environment to which all children are entitled.

Linda Cuddy

Austin's House Board President

Minden

Concert series ends on high note

Editor:

The 2007 Summer Concert Series ended on a high "note" with The Michael Powers Group. They were thoroughly entertaining with a variety of music - all that from just three guys.

Congratulations to the Douglas Counts Parks & Recreation Department for organizing and the many sponsors for making the series possible.

Bill Moriarty

Indian Hills

GE volunteers

help Scarselli

Editor:

On June 9, a group of volunteers from GE gave up a Saturday to work on a number of projects at Scarselli Elementary School. The projects included: painting inside and out, stenciling lines for games on the playground, replacing decaying wood borders, new fencing and a gate in the front of the school and similar labor intensive projects. A grant from GE also provided a much needed sound system that students and parents have enjoyed for band and other performances.

This year Scarselli celebrates its 20th year and, because of the efforts of the GE volunteers and the following companies and organizations, the school is looking better than ever.

GE Volunteers Share the Gold Grant, GE Volunteers misc. supplies, gates, fencing, Lowe's - Lowe's Heroes grant, Basalite Industries, Dick's Fuller O'Brien Paints, Home Depot, Aramark, Corporation and Scarselli Parent-Teacher Organization.

On behalf of the teachers, parents and students of Scarselli Elementary, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who helped put the sparkle on Scarselli for its 20th birthday.

Brandon Swain

Principal

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